

# The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

## 2011 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

October 13–15, 2011  
JW Marriott Chicago  
Chicago, IL

The preliminary program has been announced. View the program and register for the Heart Valve Summit at [www.aats.org/valve](http://www.aats.org/valve).

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### Honored Lecturers

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) and the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) have partnered once again to bring you the only educational program that addresses valvular heart disease from a cardiology and surgical point-of-view, the 2011 Heart Valve Summit.

Using an integrative approach to managing medical, surgical and interventional challenges in valvular heart disease, world renowned cardiologists and cardiac surgeons will provide you with clinically relevant information on the current and future directions in valvular heart disease. This unique, inter-disciplinary program will include real world, interactive case-based patient management discussions, review of current practice guidelines, and focused breakouts for cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, nurses and physician assistants.

The program is cosponsored by the American Society of Echocardiography, The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, internists, nurses, physician assistants and all healthcare professionals involved in the evaluation, diagnosis and/or management of patients with valvular heart disease are strongly encouraged to attend this program.

### ACCREDITATION

#### Physicians

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery designates this live activity for a maximum of **19 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 19 continuing education hours. Requirements for successful completion are attendance in a session in its entirety and completing the evaluation tool.

While offering credits as noted above, the program is not intended to provide extensive training or certification in the field.

### REGISTRATION

Register today at [www.aats.org/valve](http://www.aats.org/valve) to see first-hand why this program continually receives high-rankings and has been referred to as “one of the best meetings I have ever attended—practical, patient oriented, and the lecturers really had true clinical experience.”

## Aortic Symposium 2012

April 26–27, 2012  
Sheraton Hotel & Towers  
New York, NY

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Abstract Deadline is Friday, December 9, 2011**

### Course Directors

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### Co-Directors

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Aortic Symposium 2012 is a two-day symposium focused on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections. The faculty consists of world leaders in this field who have been invited to share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease.

### PROGRAM FORMAT

The Aortic Symposium 2012 will primarily feature faculty presentations of original work and “how I do it” videos. Manuscripts and Videos selected from submitted abstracts will comprise the balance of the program and may be considered for publication in the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. Accepted presentations will be available on the Presentation on Demand (POD) System, a network of computer stations distributed throughout the meeting area that permits attendees to review PowerPoint and Video presentations on demand.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Deadline is **Friday, December 9, 2011**

To submit your abstract visit [www.aats.org/aortic](http://www.aats.org/aortic)

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference is designed to meet the educational needs of cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, residents, perfusionists, ICU and OR nurses, and those involved with the care of individuals with aortic disease.

### ACCREDITATION

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This live activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™.

### AATS 92nd Annual Meeting

**April 28–May 2, 2012**

**Moscone West Convention Center**

**San Francisco, CA**

#### Save the Date!

Join us at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco, CA, from April 28–May 2, 2012, for the American Association for Thoracic Surgery’s 92nd Annual Meeting. This robust, high-quality five-day program, chaired by Craig R. Smith, MD, of the Columbia University, is designed with a primary focus on delivering cutting-edge education to improve cardiothoracic surgical practice. Join the world’s leading scientists and medical professionals in the specialty at this premier continuing medical education event.

#### Target Audience

The AATS Annual Meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of:

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Critical Care, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology, Thoracic Oncology, and Vascular Surgery

- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of cardiothoracic surgical patients including Nurses, Physician Assistants, Surgical Assistants, and Perfusionists
- Medical students with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

### AATS Annual Meeting Accreditation

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This live activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The AATS welcomes abstract submissions for the 92nd Annual Meeting. The abstract submission site will open in late summer. Please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) for detailed information on submitting an abstract for consideration.

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### AATS Meetings and Sponsored Events

[www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org)

**September 8–10, 2011**

**International Society for Rotary Blood Pumps Annual Meeting\***

Marriott Downtown

Louisville, Kentucky

**September 22–24, 2011**

**Cardiovascular-Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care 2011\*\***

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Washington, DC

**September 22–24, 2011**

**Masters of Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery\***

Waldorf Astoria Orlando

**October 7–8, 2011**

**3rd International Biennial Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery Summit\***

The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School

Boston, Massachusetts